

TAFT CHALLENGES PUBLICITY PLANK

Thinks Democratic Platform
Is Not Sincere.

HOT SHOT IN HIS SPEECH

Candidate, When He Accepts Nomination at Cincinnati, Will Dare Opposition to Show Good Faith by Working Under New York Law, Now at Work on Orator.

Hot Springs, Va., July 14.—Mr. Taft will assert his independence by including in his speech of acceptance a personal plank on publicity of campaign contributions.

In doing this, Mr. Taft will also accept the Bryan challenge to make publicity one of the leading issues in the coming fight, and when his speech of acceptance has been delivered, there will be no doubt in Mr. Bryan's mind or in anybody else's mind how Mr. Taft stands on this question.

Mr. Taft, it is understood, is a little hot over the charge in the Democratic platform that the Republicans intend to conduct the present campaign with "vast sums of money wrested from the favor-seeking corporations," and he is prepared to challenge the Democrats to show their good faith by coming in, as the Republicans have, under the operation of the New York State publicity law. In voluntarily subjecting themselves to that law, Mr. Taft and other Republican leaders feel that they have scored a point on the Democrats, which will have to be met in some other way than in platform promises.

Working on Speech.

Mr. Taft spent most of the day working on his speech. Mr. Taft has decided to make his speech of acceptance brief, in keeping with the Republican platform. The other speakers at the formal notification, on July 22, will follow the same rule. There probably will be 3,500 words in the speech of acceptance, but Mr. Taft expects to touch on all the issues in the Republican platform. The candidate's letter of acceptance, which will not be made public until September, will contain about 15,000 words.

Mr. Taft will write the letter in August, before leaving Hot Springs for his Cincinnati campaign. He expects to take up in it all issues that may arise after the speech of acceptance is delivered.

Arthur I. Vorys, national committee man from Ohio, and recently designated by the subcommittee to manage the Taft campaign in Ohio, will be here tomorrow. There are some matters connected with the Ohio campaign that cannot be put off any longer. It is believed that the one thing Mr. Vorys and Mr. Taft are to consider is the proposed Burton boom for Senator to succeed Foraker.

Taft Supporters Worried.

The question that is agitating the Taft people is: How much of a row would the attempt to displace Foraker kick up in the State and what would be its effect on Mr. Taft's candidacy?

The Burton supporters contend that an attempt to send Foraker back to the Senate would be more detrimental to Taft than any fight that could be waged between the Foraker and Burton forces. Mr. Vorys also will take up with Mr. Taft the general plan of the campaign from the porch of Charles P. Taft's home in Cincinnati.

Mr. Taft has consented to deliver an address before the Virginia bar association here on August 5. The bar association will hold its annual meeting here. This speech will not be of a political character.

PROMISES WEST VIRGINIA.

Among the guests who arrived here today was S. V. Matthews, of Charleston, W. Va., the newly-elected chairman of the Republican central committee. He will be here for a week or two, and will arrange for a meeting with Mr. Taft to discuss the political conditions in West Virginia.

"Bryan never carried West Virginia, and he never will," the chairman Matthews, "The State will go for Taft by a big majority."

PREDICTS TAFT'S ELECTION.

James A. Speyer, says Business Will Continue to Improve.

New York, July 14.—James A. Speyer, who sails to-morrow on the Adriatic on his annual European trip, said to-day about the business outlook:

"Everybody knows that the financial and business situation has improved during the last few months, and I believe that it will continue to improve as confidence continues to be restored more and more."

"Judging from the past, the election of Mr. Taft seems a reasonable certainty, as the American people never have elected a man like Mr. Bryan to the Presidency, and I do not believe they ever will. The political situation, therefore, ought not to be much of a disturbing factor."

"The crop prospects also are fair, and the easier money and credit situation should have a favorable influence on the revival of business generally."

"DRY'S" NAME TICKET.

Prohibitionists Gather at Columbus for Meeting.

Columbus, Ohio, July 14.—The following ticket was named by Ohio prohibitionists to-day in State convention:

Governor—Aaron S. Watson, Ada.

Lieutenant Governor—J. B. Martin, Hamilton County.

Secretary of State—H. J. Haskell, Muskingum County.

Auditor—James H. Stratton, Columbiana County.

Treasurer—J. H. Ford, Portage County.

Attorney General—George S. Hawk, Hamilton County.

Supreme Judges—Malton Ranch, Wayne County, and A. L. Talbot, Cuyahoga County.

Clerk of Supreme Court—L. B. Miller, Darke County.

Board of public works—Peter F. Wolfe, Athens County; Abel R. Roswick, Medina County, and A. J. Anderson, Warren County.

Commissioner of common schools—Prof. R. C. Simpson, Lawrence County.

For dairy and food commissioner—Henry Prescott, Seneca County.

United States Senator—E. J. Pinney, Cuyahoga County.

Lightning Shocks 100 Men at Once.

Butler, Pa., July 14.—During a severe electrical storm last night 100 men employed at the Pittsburgh-Hickson Bed Company were shocked by lightning. The current followed the shafting, shocking every man at the machine.

Czar to Visit Italy.

Rome, July 14.—It has been officially declared that the Czar of Russia will soon visit the King of Italy. Even the members of the extremist party no longer oppose this visit.

WILL STUMP FOR BRYAN.



CHARLES A. TOWNE.

Former Minnesota, now of New York, who will play a prominent part in the coming campaign. Once a Republican, he is now a third-degree member of Tammany.

HITCHCOCK VISITS SHERMAN

National Chairman Spends Three Hours with Nominee.

Goes to Utica to Find Just When Candidate Can Begin Campaign.

Utica, N. Y., July 14.—Chairman Frank H. Hitchcock, of the Republican National Committee, came up from New York at 1:55 o'clock this afternoon for a conference with Representative Sherman, and after spending three hours with the Vice Presidential nominee in a discussion of campaign plans, returned to New York. Chairman Hitchcock said to the newspaper men that one object of his visit to Mr. Sherman at this time was to ascertain at first hand from the candidate himself some definite idea as to when Mr. Sherman believed he would be ready to enter actively into the work of the campaign.

Asked as to when Mr. Sherman would be officially notified of his nomination, Mr. Hitchcock said the matter was one that rested entirely between the candidate and Senator Burrows, and that the latter would probably arrange with Mr. Sherman at an early date when the committee will come to Utica and make the official notification.

When asked as to what he thought the effect would be of the statement of Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, that he would support Bryan, Hitchcock said that he did not care to make a statement on the subject at this time.

JUSTIFIED IN SHOOTING HIM

Mrs. Horner Says She Feared Dr. Simpson Would Attack Her.

Second Operation on Wounded Dentist at Roosevelt Hospital.

Woman Charged with Assault.

New York, July 14.—Mrs. Ella S. Horner, at her home in Northport, said this afternoon that she did not regret shooting her son-in-law, Dr. James W. Simpson, a dentist, now awaiting a second operation in Roosevelt Hospital here.

Mrs. Horner declared that she and her daughter had lived long in dread of Dr. Simpson. She said she was glad, however, that the bullets did not cause his death.

"You can say," she said to the reporters, "that I feel that I was justified in shooting Dr. Simpson, who not only was responsible for the tragic death of my husband, but had wrecked forever my daughter's life."

"When Dr. Simpson came here," she went on, "he assumed a threatening attitude, and before I shot him he made a motion toward his hip pocket, which made me think that he might intend to draw a revolver. The act was more impulsive than vindictive with me."

Mrs. Simpson, who was at home during this interview, remained upstairs, and declined to see any one. Neighbors said that she was prostrated.

It was said at Northport that the argument of Mrs. Horner, charged with felonious assault, would take place to-morrow in the town hall before Justice of the Peace Hawkins.

Reports from Roosevelt Hospital late this afternoon were that Dr. Simpson was in practically the same condition as when admitted, some twenty-four hours ago. Preparations were being made for a second operation on him.

MOUNT ETNA IN ERUPTION.

Wonderful Spectacle Is Attracting Many Tourists to Messina.

Messina, Italy, July 14.—Mount Etna is in eruption again. Lava is running in streams along its sides. From the crater issues a high column of smoke.

The spectacle at night is wonderful, and many tourists are hastening here to view it.

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ROOSEVELT WRITES TO MRS. CLEVELAND

Tells Why He Named Forest
for ex-President.

THINKS THE HONOR IS DUE

Recalls Policies of Former Executive Regarding Conservation of Resources—Goes to Newport on July 22 to Attend Meeting of General Naval Board—Plans to Speak.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., July 14.—President Roosevelt made public to-day the following letter, which he sent to Mrs. Cleveland last Monday:

"My Dear Mrs. Cleveland: It has recently been my privilege to sign a proclamation changing the name of the San Jacinto National Forest to the Cleveland National Forest. May I express to you the very great pleasure it gave me to take that action—a pleasure mingled with a keen sense of the loss to our country and to our citizens in the death of President Cleveland."

"On February 22, 1897, President Cleveland signed the proclamation creating the San Jacinto Forest Reserve, in Southern California. The date, February 22, was no mere accident, since the signature of the proclamation was timed to coincide with the birthday of our first President."

"President Cleveland was one of the first to recognize the need for forest preservation, and the creation of the San Jacinto and other forest reserves, with a total area of 25,836,320 acres, was one of the results of his foresight in this direction."

CLEVELAND ALWAYS INTERESTED.

"Throughout his life he took great interest in conserving the natural resources of the nation, and I particularly regretted his inability to attend the meeting of the governors in May, because that meeting was in part the fruit of seed he had sown years before."

"The name of Grover Cleveland will always be prominently identified with the movement to protect the forests of the United States, and it seemed to me eminently fitting that one of the forests which he created should bear his name throughout all time."

"Sincerely yours,

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

The President announced to-day that he would attend the meeting of the general naval board to be held at the Naval War College, at Newport, on July 22. The President will make the trip in the government yacht Mayflower, now lying off Whitehouse. He will leave Oyster Bay next Tuesday evening and return early on Thursday morning.

Will Be Guest of Admiral.

While ashore the President will be the guest of Rear Admiral John E. Merrill, the president of the Naval War College. He will be present when the General Naval Board discusses the plans for the new battle ships, and will deliver an address to the officers at the college on Wednesday morning. The President's subject will be the navy, and he will probably take the opportunity to express his belief in the need for a larger battle ship fleet.

Herman Ridder's appeal to the President on behalf of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association to take action against the paper manufacturers' pools has been turned over to the Department of Justice. Secretary Loeb said to-day that the President would not make a personal reply to Mr. Ridder.

According to Secretary Loeb, also, the President will make no reply to the criticism by J. G. Phelps Stokes and Mrs. Stokes of his last Saturday's speech in which he attacked some examples of privileges as set forth "by certain socialistic writers."

FAIL TO GET TOGETHER.

Opposing Republican Factions in Tennessee Still Far Apart.

Chattanooga, Tenn., July 14.—The conference of the Evans-Sanders and Brown-Houck elements of the Republican party in Tennessee, by which it was proposed to harmonize the party in the State, has resulted in perfect discord. The State committee members of each element refused to recognize the other as having any official standing.

It was hoped by harmonizing these conflicting elements to elect a Republican governor, but the present conditions here will probably be two candidates in the field. But both elements will support Taft for President.

NEGRO IS FINALLY LYNCHED.

Bob Parleys Four Hours Before Strangling Up Accused Man.

Memphis, Tenn., July 14.—A mob of 1,500 or more persons fought for the possession of H. Jones, a negro, who attempted to assault Miss Ora Yopp, aged seventeen years, of Middletown, Tenn., at daybreak this morning. After four hours' parleying the negro was strung up to a sapling.

The negro was caught at La Grange, and was being brought back to Middletown by special deputies, when 100 men on horseback, some masked, appeared and forced the officers to recognize their prisoner. After securing the negro, some of the members of the mob had a change of heart and wanted to take the prisoner to Middletown and turn him over to the officers, but were outnumbered.

KILLED TAKING A BATH.

George M. Wall Struck by Lightning While Standing Under Spray.

Tarrytown, N. Y., July 14.—George M. Wall, of 166 West Thirty-sixth street, New York City, was struck by lightning during a heavy thunderstorm at 4 o'clock this afternoon and instantly killed.

The circumstances of his death were most peculiar. Wall and Richard Foy were standing in the cockpit of a launch owned by William Hooper, taking a shower bath. The air was heavily charged with electricity, and the rain was coming down in torrents.

According to Foy, Wall was enjoying the shower and was rubbing the water into his hair. He turned his head for an instant, when a noise caused him to turn quickly, and he saw Wall lying at his feet with his mouth and eyes open. Foy picked him up and carried him into the cabin. He was dead.

Prince Jo Leaves Korea.

Seoul, July 14.—Prince Ito, the Japanese resident general, left here to-day for Tokyo.

WOODRUFF IS SANGUINE.

New Yorker Says Republican Victory in State Is Assured.

New York, July 14.—State Chairman Timothy L. Woodruff, who was at Republican headquarters in East Thirtieth street to-day, announced that the State convention would be held in Saratoga September 15.

He has called a meeting of the State committee. It will probably be held on August 12, and the State committee will formally issue a call for the convention. Mr. Woodruff was optimistic to-day. He informed the reporters that in his opinion the battle in this State was all over but counting the ballots.

George H. Sheldon, treasurer of the national committee, had a heavy mail again to-day, but Mr. Sheldon had nothing to give out concerning the contents of his letters.

BRIGANDS TO FREE KENNEDY.

British Correspondent in Morocco Being Held for Ransom.

London, July 14.—Foreign Secretary Grey announced in the House of Commons to-day that Clark Kennedy, the Englishman who was captured by Moroccan brigands more than a month ago and held for ransom, had come to terms with his captors and expected to effect his release shortly.

Kennedy, who was in Morocco as the correspondent for London newspaper, was once a wealthy Scotch landowner. He married Miss Alice Appleton, of Boston, who died a few years later. The foreign office was persuaded at first that his capture was largely brought about deliberately for newspaper purposes.

PARKER TO AID BRYAN.

Former Candidate Will Take the Stump Outside New York State.

Helena, Mont., July 14.—Judge Alton B. Parker is to stump for William J. Bryan. In an interview here to-day the defeated candidate for the Presidency in the election four years ago declared he would take the stump outside of New York, but that at this time he could not state just where.

He said he believed Bryan had a good chance to carry New York this year. From here Judge Parker goes to Livingston to meet Delancey Nicolai, with whom he will spend three weeks in Yellowstone Park.

LEEDS' FIRST WIFE IGNORED

Will of Tin Plate Magnate Gives One Million Dollars to Son.

Bequeaths Seven Million Dollars to Infant Daughter of Second Wife.

New York, July 14.—The will of William R. Leeds, who died in Paris several weeks ago, according to information received from abroad by friends of the former "Tin Plate King," will be offered for probate next month.

It would surprise none of Mr. Leeds' friends if the proceedings for the probate of the instrument were followed by a spirited contest.

The information received by Mr. Leeds' friends is to the effect that the will cuts off absolutely the first wife of the testator, Jeannette Irene Gear Leeds, who is now living in Richmond, Ind., the home town of both Mr. Leeds and his first and second wives. She secured a divorce from her husband after they had been married seventeen years. Though the will makes no provision for the first wife, Mr. Leeds, by that wife, is bequeathed \$100,000, either outright or in trust. This son, Rudolph Leeds, is twenty-two years of age, is married, and resides in Richmond.

The will is understood to bequest an estate valued at between \$5,000,000 and \$10,000,000. The only other specific bequest of importance is one to the second wife, who at the time of her marriage was Mrs. Annie May Stewart Worthington.

Mr. Leeds leaves all his real property, the residuary estate, worth probably \$7,000,000, is left to an infant daughter by the second wife.

CHINAMEN'S BODIES FOUND.

New York Police Launches Also Recover Remains of Two White Men.

New York, July 14.—The harbor police found two bodies of Chinamen to-day before the storm came up. They were Lee Ah Kan, boatswain, and Ching Ah Sing, fireman of the steamship Strathgry, who, with eight others of the Chinese crew, jumped overboard as the ship was sailing from foot-of-Dwight street, Brooklyn, last Saturday afternoon. The other eight Chinamen were rescued by Sergt. Mulhall and Sergt. Bill Morris. In police launches, hauled up the dead Lee Ah Kan this afternoon in Erie Basin, close to where he went overboard, and an hour later Ching Ah Sing's body was found floating near-by.

The police launches took the bodies to Ellis Island for identification, and on the way picked up the bodies of two white men floating off Governors Island. The white men had nothing to identify them by and were sent to the morgue.

AMBASSADOR O'BRIEN BACK.

Other Prominent Men Passengers on the Steamer Korea.

San Francisco, July 14.—Among the passengers who arrived on the steamer Korea to-day from the Orient were United States Ambassador O'Brien, United States Consul General Bergholz, of Canton; Jose Ruiz Luzuriaga, a prominent Filipino, and W. F. Forbes Cameron, a Philippine commissioner. Luzuriaga, one of three native members of the Philippine commission, he said of the islands:

"The great question before the Philippine commission now is the commercial rehabilitation of the country. With the exception of occasional symptoms of restlessness among the Moros, all is as peaceful there as in San Francisco, and I believe human life is safer in most of the provinces than in an average American city."

Drowned When Canoe Overturns.

Paterson, N. J., July 14.—Ray Speer, twenty-seven years old, was drowned in Passaic River at Singac, this afternoon. Speer, who was a good swimmer, met his death in less than four feet of water. When the canoe overturned the two feet caught beneath the seat, and he died before he could free himself.

SHERIFF SUSPECTED OF AIDING BETTORS

Kings County Official Summoned by Jury to Show Cause.

THREE "BOOKIES" ARRESTED

Crusade at Brighton Beach Results in Renewed Activity by the Police. Odd Layers Become Panic-Stricken and Refuse to Accept Bets from Even Close Personal Friends.

New York, July 14.—There were some new developments in the investigation of race track affairs by the Kings County grand jury to-day, which caused a sensation at Brighton Beach.

Sheriff Albert Hobbie, who was at the track looking over the situation, received a communication from Assistant District Attorney Robert H. Elder, requesting him to appear before the grand jury at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning to show cause why he should not be indicted for conniving at race track gambling.

C. J. Fitzgerald, president of the Brighton Beach Association, has also been asked to appear before the grand jury to-morrow morning, while a couple of deputy sheriffs were looking for John G. Cavanaugh this afternoon with a similar request in writing. Cavanaugh, it is said, would be on hand to-morrow morning ready to answer all questions. In summoning Fitzgerald and Cavanaugh, it is said that Mr. Elder will attempt to prove a connection between the racing association and the betting end of the game.

Police Renew Activity.

In view of the new shift in the situation, as far as the grand jury investigation is concerned, there was renewed activity on the part of the police to-day. They received instructions to arrest all professional bookmakers who might be seen accepting odd wagers, also persons who were suspected of recording bets. Somehow, the tip got out before the second race, which was run with the result that the layers in many cases refused to accept odd wagers, even from their closest friends.

Just before the fourth race Henry Hoffman, a well-known member of the Metropolitan Turf Association (the bookmakers' club), was arrested. William Henry, a brother of Charles Henry, who is a governor of the Mets, was also arrested, together with John F. Buckley. Henry is said to be the cashier for Hoffman, while Buckley is alleged to be the latter's "outside man."

The detectives said that they saw or heard a number of persons make oral wagers with Hoffman, who then whispered to Buckley, and that the latter went to Henry, who made records of the alleged bets.

The prisoners were taken to the Coney Island police station, where they were admitted to bail in the sum of \$500 each.

NO TAINTED MONEY WANTED BY BRYAN

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affairs, and the influences which control them, instead of being secret, will be known to the voters.

Nothing from The Trusts.

"As an earnest that our party will make good its pledge, we ask you to construe this plank and put it into immediate operation. This can be done by the adoption of a resolution announcing that, in pursuance of the policy outlined in that pledge, your committee will not accept any contribution whatever from any corporation; that it will not accept any contribution from any individual above a reasonable amount; and that it will make publication before election of all contributions above a reasonable minimum."

"We suggest for your approval a maximum of \$10,000 and a minimum of \$100, no contribution to be received above \$10,000, and all contributions above \$100 to be made public before election."

"We suggest also that on or before the 15th day of October, publication shall be made of all contributions above \$100 received up to that date; that after the 15th of October publication shall be made of all contributions above \$100 received, and that no contribution above \$100 shall be accepted within three days of the election."

"With the hope that these suggestions may be favorably acted upon, we are, with great respect, etc., yours truly,

"W. J. BRYAN,"

"JOHN KERN."

"We have felt that this is the proper time to make this announcement. At the Republican national convention a plank in favor of publicity was turned down by a very large vote. The indignation that has been expressed over the action of the convention has already been felt by the Republican leaders, and they are now attempting to avoid all the censures that have been falling upon them by announcing that, through their treasurer, a New York plank they want to publish the contributions after the election."

Public Before Election.

"You will notice that the point made in our platform is that the contributions shall be published before the election."

"It is not sufficient to learn after the election of the influences that have purchased the election. The public ought to know before the election what influence is at work to secure the success of a party, and our platform makes that distinction, and we ask that this committee at this time declare itself in harmony with the plank, and that this committee so interpose that they will publish the public can see the difference between our position and that of the Republicans."

"We say that no contribution shall be accepted from any corporation, a corporation is not created for political purposes, has no right to contribute to campaign funds, and we want this part of the plank distinctly understood. We want a limit placed upon individual contributions, that no contribution may be received so large as to indicate that individual interest of a personal character in the result of the election is evidenced, and we want all contributions, above a reasonable minimum, published, so that the people may judge what influences are at work and thus be better able to decide on which side those interested only in good government should cast their votes; and we have suggested a minimum of \$100, because people can contribute that amount without suspicion, and those contributing small amounts may be so situated that the publication of their contributions would embarrass them."

"For instance, an employee of a corporation might heartily desire to assist in this campaign, and if his contribution was published, it might subject him to punishment at the hands of the corporation, and the arguments that have justified the secret ballot justify secrecy in regard to contributions so small that they cannot be supposed to represent an interest that is attempting to purchase favors."

Subcommittee to Meet.

At a meeting of the subcommittee in the afternoon it was agreed to meet in Chicago July 25. Mr. Bryan readily consenting to be present. At that meeting the

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Lot of about 100 pieces of fine Muslin Underwear, all extra well made and in neat and pretty patterns; included are gowns, corset covers, drawers, skirts, chemises,